

ADVERTISEMENT FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority (the "Authority") is soliciting statements of qualifications from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) certified laboratories interested in providing NJDEP certified, "Environmental Analytical Laboratory Services", for the Authority. Laboratory services are defined as NJDEP certified analytical testing of air, soil, and/or water (both groundwater and potable water) samples for contamination. Samples will be collected by the Authority's environmental consultants while the laboratory will provide the Authority and environmental consultant with all results/reports via online application, hardcopy and electronic version.

Most of the Authority's samples require laboratory analysis predominantly for the following parameters: # 1 TCL Volatile Organic Compounds. # 2 TCL Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds. # 3 TAL Metals. # 4 Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons. (EPH) # 5 Pesticides. # 6 Poly Chlorinated Biphenyls. (PCBs) # 7 Wet Chemistry. # 8 EPA Method TO-15 for air and # 9 SPLP (Synthetic Precipitation Leaching Procedure).

All laboratories interested in providing the services described above must submit a Letter of Interest, which satisfactorily responds to the Prequalification Requirements that can be obtained from the Authority by mail, or by going to the Authority's web site and viewing the requirements.

All requestors not able to view the Authority's web site and needing the Prequalification Requirements, as well as any inquiries or questions, shall be submitted in writing via, fax or email to Andrea Ward, Director Purchasing Department, New Jersey Turnpike Authority P.O. Box 5042, Woodbridge, NJ 07095, or faxed to 732-750-5399 or e-mail to: ward@turnpike.state.nj.us

In sending their request, firms must supply company name, address, fax and phone number. Requests for inquiries or questions shall be considered only if received at least five (5) business days prior to the established submission deadline.

Details regarding all prequalification requirements are outlined in the Prequalification Requirements which can be viewed on the Authority's web site by entering the following: Type www.state.nj.us/turnpike/ then click on the tab "Doing Business" then click on "Purchasing" in the drop down box that appears. Scroll down to "Request for Prequalification" and click on the title "Environmental Analytical Laboratory Services".

Sealed Responses to this advertisement must be received at the Authority by Nov. 22, 2011, by 3:00 PM and delivered to:

**Andrea Ward, Director
Purchasing Department
New Jersey Turnpike Authority
P.O. Box 5042
Woodbridge, NJ 07095**

Sealed Responses to this advertisement can also be submitted to the Authority by hand delivery to 581 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

Firms will be fully responsible for the delivery of their Letter of Interest. **Reliance upon the U. S. Mail** or other carriers is at the firm's risk. Letters of Interest received after **Nov. 22, 2011, by 3:00 PM** will not be considered.

All firms that adequately meet the requirement criteria will be sent a Request for Bid.

PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYTICAL LABORATORY SERVICES

REQUEST FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority (the "Authority") is soliciting statements of qualifications from NJDEP certified laboratories interested in providing NJDEP certified, "Environmental Analytical Laboratory Services" for Authority sites along the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway.

The Authority is seeking to enter into an agreement with a laboratory capable of providing NJDEP certified environmental analytical laboratory services for the Authority for a period of one (1) year, with an option for two (2) one-year extensions. Laboratory services are defined as NJDEP certified analytical testing of air, soil, and/or water (both groundwater and potable water) samples for contamination. Samples will be collected by the Authority's environmental consultants; however, the laboratory may be required, in compliance with the NJDEP to complete both the collection and analysis of soil and/or water samples.

The Authority intends to pursue a two-step competitive process in the award of this service agreement. The purpose of this request for qualifications ("RFQ") is to solicit interest and establish a short list of laboratories that are qualified to provide environmental analytical laboratory services to the Authority. No contract will be immediately awarded as a result of this RFQ. Rather, following a review of the responses to this RFQ, the Authority will develop a short list of the laboratories that meet the minimum qualification requirements. The qualifying laboratories will receive a Request for Bids soliciting Proposals to provide "Environmental Analytical Laboratory Services". The Authority anticipates entering into an Agreement with the laboratory that submits a Proposal that satisfies all requirements outlined in the Request for Bids and who submits the lowest price for providing the services outlined therein.

In order to be qualified to respond to the Public Bid Solicitation, laboratories must first submit a response to this RFQ demonstrating the ability to satisfy the following minimum requirements:

1. The laboratory must demonstrate its experience by providing a minimum of five (5) references for which the vendor is currently providing environmental analytical laboratory services. Details regarding these services must be provided including client contact information.
2. The laboratory must demonstrate that it has been regularly engaged in providing NJDEP certified environmental analytical laboratory services for a period of at least five years.
3. The laboratory must satisfactorily demonstrate the ability to provide secure online distribution of NJDEP certified laboratory reports.
4. The laboratory must describe the procedures used to distribute online analytical laboratory reports to the public and those requesting reports through the OPRA process.

5. The laboratory must demonstrate their ability to perform all sample analyses in-house with the exception of specialty items such as petroleum fingerprinting and air sample analysis which may be subcontracted.
6. The laboratory must provide all NJDEP approval certifications for all analytical methods the laboratory is certified to complete.
7. The laboratory must demonstrate their ability to provide courier service throughout NJ as reliable courier service is critical especially for samples with short hold time such as hexavalent chromium.
8. The laboratory must demonstrate they can accept samples on Saturday with prior notice.
9. The laboratory must demonstrate their ability to employ field sampling personnel with NJDEP certification for the analysis of immediate field parameters.
10. The laboratory is required to have redundancy for all major analyses in both instrumentation and personnel and must demonstrate the following are part of the laboratory's inventory:
 - 5 GC/MS for VOC
 - 3 GC/MS for BNA
 - 2 GC/ECD for Pest/PCB
 - 2 GC/FID for EPH
 - 2 ICP
 - 1 ICP-MS
 - 12 SPLP tumblers
11. The laboratory must provide the manufacturers name, model and serial numbers for all equipment referenced in Item 10 above.
12. The laboratory is required to adhere to a Turn Around Time (TAT) of 1 week for EPH results, 2 weeks for all other compliance sample results, and 3 weeks for final results and report.
13. The laboratory must demonstrate the ability to meet accelerated TAT times when requested and indicate in their response to this RFQ, the surcharge percentage for 24 hour, 72 hour and 1 week TAT.
14. The laboratory must demonstrate their detection limits can meet current NJDEP and/or other appropriate regulatory agency's standards including but not limited to the NJDEP Ground Water Quality Standards, Soil Remediation Standards and Soil Screening Levels.
15. The laboratory must demonstrate that they maintain a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) such that online, real-time access to sample status (cradle to grave) is available to the Authority and/or the Authority's Consultants
16. The laboratory's online database for retrieval/checking of sample results (e.g. LIMS), all Electronic Data Deliverable (EDD) and hardcopy reports must be maintained on line for a minimum of 3 years.

17. The laboratory must demonstrate the following related to Deliverables:

- a. The laboratory must provide a hard copy and pdf of the NJ Reduced or Full deliverable analytical package.
- b. The laboratory EDD must include NJ Hazsite (or replacement for this method) in a format that is acceptable for submission to the NJDEP.
- c. The laboratory must provide a Microsoft Excel table with hardcoded regulatory and/or permit limits with exceedances highlighted.

In addition to the above noted requirements, the applicant's response should provide the following additional information:

- An explanation of the applicant's quality assurance procedures and philosophies.
- Any other information that the applicant wishes to provide regarding its qualifications, experience and ability to provide environmental analytical laboratory services consistent with the Authority's requirements.

The Authority reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to deny qualification to any applicant that does not meet one or more of the foregoing minimum requirements, to waive any informality or accept any RFQ response which shall, in its sole discretion, be in the Authority's best interests. Applicants are encouraged to provide additional information as they deem necessary for the Authority's complete understanding of their capabilities. As part of the RFQ evaluation process, the Authority also reserves the right to conduct a facility inspection for the purposes of verifying a laboratory's capabilities.

Proof of valid business registration with the State of New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue will be required of all bidders in the form of a valid Business Registration Certificate. No contract shall be awarded without proof of business registration with the Division of Revenue. Any questions with regard to obtaining a Business Registration Certificate can be directed to the Division of Revenue at (609) 292-9292. Alternatively, further information is available on the internet at: <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/>

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